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TAGS: PARM, UN, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SOVIET POSITION OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

1. IN CONVERSATIONS ON SSOD ON APRIL 29 AT MFA WITH  
AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND ACDA COUNSELOR YARMOLINSKY, MFA'S  
ISSRAELYAN DESCRIBED THE SOVIET POSITION ON ADHERENCE  
TO PROTOCOL II OF THE TREATY OF TALATELOLCO. HE STATED  
THAT ONE REASON MOSCOW DECIDED TO ADHERE WAS THE CHANGED  
U.S. POSITION ON PROTOCOL I AND NOTED FURTHER THAT MOSCOW  
WAS ENCOURAGED TO ACT BY THE U.S. POSITION THAT SOVIET  
ADHERANCE WOULD HELP IN THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR FREE  
ZONES GENERALLY. ISSRAELYAN FURTHER STATED THAT THE  
USSR WILL MAKE A STATEMENT WHEN SIGNING PROTOCOL II,  
WHICH HE SAID WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE OPENING OF SSOD.

2. ISSRAELYAN THEN HAD AN AIDE TRANSLATE THE SOVIET  
STATEMENT. THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS STATEMENT  
WAS THAT THE USSR WILL OPPOSE PNE'S BY MEMBER STATES,  
THAT THE TREATY DOES NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE LIMITS OF  
THE TERRITORY OF THE MEMBER STATES, THAT THE USSR  
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DOES NOT RECOGNIZE CLAIMS BY MEMBER STATES TO EXERCISE  
THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OVER TERRITORIAL WATERS, AIR SPACE  
OR ANY OTHER SPACE WHICH CONTRADICTS  
GENERALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.  
THE STATEMENT FURTHER AFFIRMS THAT THE TRANSIT THROUGH  
THE TERRITORY OF MEMBER STATES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ANY  
FORM WOULD CONTRAVENE THE AIMS OF THE TREATY AND THAT

ANY ACTION TAKEN BY MEMBER STATES INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR  
NON-NUCLEAR STATUS AS WELL AS ANY ACT OF AGGRESSION  
UNDERTAKEN BY A MEMBER STATE SUPPORTED BY OR WITH A  
NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE  
TREATY AND THAT THE USSR WOULD IN SUCH A CASE RECONSIDER  
ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PROTOCOL. FINALLY, THE USSR  
RETAINS THE RIGHT TO RECONSIDER ITS ATTITUDE TOWARD  
THE PROTOCL IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACTIONS BY OTHER  
NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS  
UNDER THE PROTOCOL.

3. ISSRAELYAN EMPHASIZED THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TO  
BE REGARDED AS CONFIDENTIAL AT THIS POINT AND THAT THE  
FINAL WORDING OF THE SOVIET STATE-  
MENT HAD YET TO BE WORKED OUT. HE THEN ASKED WHERE THE  
PROTOCOL IS PHYSICALLY LOCATED AND IF THE U.S. COULD  
INFORM THE USSR OF ITS LOCATION AND OF THE PROCEDURES  
FOLLOWED WHEN WE SIGNED PROTOCOLS 1 AND 2. ISSRAELYAN,  
WHEN TOLD THAT THE U.S. HAS SPOKEN TO CUBA ON THE  
TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, ASKED WHAT THE CUBAN POSITION IS  
AT THIS TIME. LEONARD EXPLAINED THAT CUBA SEEMS FAR  
FROM READY TO SIGN ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE  
FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIONS TO THE TREATY ITSELF. HE ADDED  
THAT ARGENTINA IS IN THE PROCESS OF RATIFYING IN THE  
SAME CONDITIONAL FORM FOLLOWED BY BRAZIL AND CHILE.  
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